

#### § 1100.14

(2) Engage in, directly or indirectly, a financial transaction as a result of, or primarily relying on, information obtained through his Government employment.

(b) The Order does not preclude an employee from having a financial interest or engaging in financial transactions to the same extent as a private citizen not employed by the Government so long as it is not prohibited by law, Executive Order 11222, Chapter 735 of the Federal Personnel Manual or this order.

#### § 1100.14 Misuse of information.

An employee, for the purpose of furthering a private interest, shall not directly or indirectly use, or allow the use of, official information obtained through or in connection with his Government employment which has not been made available to the general public.

#### § 1100.15 Support of Section programs.

(a) When a Section program is based on law or executive order, every employee has a positive obligation to make it function as efficiently and economically as possible and to support it as long as it is a part of recognized public policy. An employee may, therefore, properly make an address explaining and interpreting such a program, citing its achievements, defending it against uninformed or unjust criticism, pointing out the need for possible improvements, or soliciting views for improving it.

(b) An employee shall not, either directly or indirectly, use appropriated funds to influence a Member of Congress to favor or oppose legislation in violation of 18 U.S.C. 1913. However, an employee is not prohibited from:

(1) Testifying as a representative of the Section on pending legislation proposals before Congressional committees on request; or

(2) Assisting Congressional committees in drafting bills or reports on request, when it is clear that the employee is serving solely as a technical expert under the direction of committee leadership.

(c) Nothing in this order shall be construed as depriving an employee of his rights as a private citizen from peti-

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tioning or contacting elected representatives pertinent to expressing opinions regarding Governmental operations or pending legislation.

#### § 1100.16 Disagreements between governmental officials.

An employee shall not make public any disagreements with, or criticism of, officials, policies, or practices of the Section or of other Federal agencies in areas relating to the Section's functions. Such matters may be brought to the attention of the Commissioner for appropriate action.

#### § 1100.17 Use of government property.

An employee shall not directly or indirectly use, or allow the use of, Government property of any kind, including property leased to the Government, for other than officially approved activities. An employee has a positive duty to protect and conserve Government property including equipment, supplies, and other property entrusted or issued to him.

#### § 1100.18 Gambling, betting, and lotteries.

An employee shall not participate, while on Government-owned or leased property or while on duty for the Government, in any gambling activity, including the operation of a gambling device; in conducting a lottery or pool; in a game for money or property; or in selling or purchasing a numbers slip or ticket.

#### § 1100.19 Coercion.

An employee shall not use his Government employment to coerce, or give the appearance of coercing, a person to provide financial benefit to himself or another person, particularly one with whom he has family, business "mutual association", or financial ties.

#### § 1100.20 General conduct prejudicial to the government.

An employee shall not engage in criminal, infamous, dishonest, immoral, or notoriously disgraceful conduct, or other conduct prejudicial to the Government.